

Editorial Brevities.

Boston's majority of more than 23,000 against prohibition, the largest majority recorded since 1905, has evoked from Billy Sunday the comment that the fight is only commencing. What the result might have been but for the Sunday campaign, none can say. The figures in themselves afford small ground for argument in support of the Sunday campaigning methods.

One of the latest taxation suggestions in Great Britain, where taxes in many new forms are now imposed, is put forward by Professor A. C. Pigou, of Kings College, Cambridge University. He urges that all persons who have been granted exemption from military service shall be subject to a special war tax, and that this tax shall be levied not merely on men of military age, but on all stay-at-homes, whether old or young. Perhaps the imposition of a good stiff tax on eligibles would prove a more effective recruiting agency than patriotic appeals or even national registration.

Because Canada in times of peace failed to take action which would have been of immense advantage to the Empire in time of war, it is all the more imperative now the Empire is at war that Canada make a particular effort on behalf of the navy. Out of the Maritime Provinces should come a fair proportion of the five thousand men needed to man the new ships. Immediate service is the promise of this enlistment appeal, service with the world's greatest navy in its glorious task of keeping open the ways of the sea. The appeal is one which should not have to be twice repeated to fire the enthusiasm of the youth of Canada.

It is about time to consider compulsory regulation of air in churches, schools and theatres, in same as fire regulations. A ventilating engineer has stated that it requires only from ten to twenty minutes to poison every cubic foot of a schoolroom 20 to 60 by 10 feet occupied by from twenty-five to fifty children; also that we breathe 16,000 to 20,000 times a day. How much physical injury do we then do ourselves in crowded buildings, breathing the vile poison that has been inhaled millions of times before? Many of the churches, halls and other public places have little or no ventilation in winter, and no effort is made to renew the air.

Germany authorizes or permits the Overseas News Agency to send out a statement that hardly one hundred persons ever saw the medals struck in commemoration of the sinking of the Lusitania. On a private house in Munich is placed the responsibility of its coinage, and the claim is made that the total sales to December 1 were only one hundred and eighty medals, of which seventy-five went to foreign countries. Was it a private firm which gave German school children a holiday in honor of the Lusitania sinking, and was the submarine which the German government admitted as lying in wait for the big passenger liner a privately-owned ship. It is because America has not protected American lives that the world regards the American government peace efforts with amazement amounting almost to suspicion.

Heed the Warning.

Communities as well as individuals must give careful thought and consideration to the message of Lloyd George to Canada. His promise that our sacrifices on account of the war will not be made in vain is a guarantee that the full strength of the Empire will be employed against the enemy until victory is achieved. His statement that every man is needed is a call to every man to get into khaki. His declaration that 'every pound or dollar that rigid private and public economy can provide is wanted,' is a command to individuals and communities to spend nothing wastefully or extravagantly, to live simply, to economize on private and on public expenditures, to save so that all the money of the country will be at the service of the country for needs vastly more important than the luxuries of life, whether they be private luxuries or community luxuries. Civic, municipal, provincial and federal rulers, as well as individuals, have need to heed the warning words of Lloyd George.

The Boy Scouts.

The program for this evening is as follows:— 6:45 to 7:30—Juniors in Gym. 7:30 to 7:45—Talk by Mr. Chambers on Patriotic Planting. 7:45 to 8:45—Final game of indoor Base Ball Series between Wolves and Cuckoos. The Christmas festivities of the Scouts this year took the form of furnishing a Christmas to a family on the South Mountain. There are six children in the family and each patrol took charge of a child. The patrol leaders collected the things and visited the family on Tuesday. The faces of the children showed their gratitude.

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National Service Week.

EVERY MAN IN CANADA WILL HAVE A CARD TO FILL OUT SOON

National Service Week is drawing very near and the fact that the first week of the New Year bears that title is something in which everyone in Canada has an interest. The men are interested because it is obligatory upon each of them, between the ages of 16 and 65 years, to fill out one of the cards which the Government is sending to them through the Post Office authorities. The women are interested because their co-operation is being invited, in seeing that their men-folk attend to this important duty. The children are interested because their school teachers have explained to them the meaning of National Service and the way in which father and the big brothers at home have to reply to the various questions.

To write in the answers and return the card promptly is a good New Year's resolution for every man throughout the Dominion and it has the advantage of being easy of fulfillment. It only means a few minutes' careful thought. The postman in the cities gets the hard work, for he has not only to deliver the cards; he is responsible also for their proper return. Prompt mailing of the answers will make the postman's work very much easier.

National Service means that we are to get into that frame of mind which will cause us to think of the needs of the country, to realize that the interests of the State have a greater claim on us than our self-interest. This applies to everyone, from the highest in the land to the lowest. The Prince of Wales' motto, 'I serve,' may well be the motto of every citizen of the British Empire at this time.

There are many ways of serving the nation besides going to the front. The man on the farm and the mechanic in a workshop may be serving the nation as usefully as the man in the trenches. Every man should be doing the work which represents his most efficient service to his country.

The war is teaching us, or should be teaching us, great lessons. Terrible as are its effects, those who have faith in Canadian manhood hope and believe that the nation will emerge from the experience a stronger and a better people. If the meaning of National Service is thoroughly grasped and properly understood, if the Government's call for information is responded to in the right spirit, the coming year will be the banner year in Canada's history.

Creating a Famine.

Attorney-General Atwell, of Massachusetts has been investigating the coal situation to determine whether the unprecedented rise in prices can be laid at the door of violators of the Conspiracy Act. His findings are of interest to us in Canada who are paying excessive prices for all kinds of coal. From the report of this investigator it appears that a prospective famine was announced early in the summer and the prices were then set up and those who could afford to buy began to buy. The result was a shortage when there was no sound reason for one, the available coal being cornered by the comparatively well to do and the subsequent shipments being manipulated as emergency supplies and given fictitious values. Every one became panicky and bought coal because of the fear of famine, thereby creating a famine in the interests of the speculators and making it possible for the latter to get famine prices. Mr. Atwell also found that more coal was shipped into New England in the year ending October 31, 1916, than in the preceding year. The coal had not been exported to Canada as some asserted, instead coal in enormous quantities had been imported from Canada. It was found after full investigation that there was no necessity for the shortage of coal inasmuch as the shortage was created by a panic in mid-summer which in turn was caused by prediction of famine accompanied by an advance in prices at a time when coal was coming to the markets in larger quantities than usual.

Massachusetts is going thoroughly into the whole question of the cause of high prices in coal and it is a good thing. In Nova Scotia where soft coal mines abound it might be well to hold an investigation to discover why we are paying such exorbitant prices for soft coal. Nova Scotians are gun-shy of proposals looking to government control of the necessities of life, but so long as human nature is what it is and corrective laws cannot prevent exploitation of the poor until the damage is done, some sort of preventative legislation may be necessary in order to insure equitable distribution of coal at prices productive of reasonable mining, transportation and vending profits and at the same time with-in the paying power of wage earners. We ought to have protection against famines made to order.

New York Herald:—Now Switzerland has received a "mind your own business" note from Berlin similar to the one sent to Holland and for the same offence—that of protesting against Prussian enslavement of Belgians. Well, it is some gratification to know that there are neutral nations not "too proud" to protest, anyway.

Pupils intending to enter the Business Class in Acadia Collegiate and Business Academy for the new term, Jan. 3rd to May 31st, should make application at an early date. Calendar sent on request.

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A Remarkable Lesson.

Gold is a 'handy thing to have in the house,' but it has its limitations. The United States has had so much gold next year that that desirable article may be a source of great embarrassment to our American cousins. The United States today has one-third of the world's gold, the sum actually being \$4,636,000,000. Next year, if this war continues, one-half of the gold in banker's hands will be in the United States. But there are some things that in times of stress are worth more than money. A bag of gold coins may not be of as much value to a thirsty man in a desert as a bottle of cold water. A brick of gold is not of as much value to a hungry man who has lost his way and is starving on a prairie as a loaf of bread. The starving man could not eat the gold.

The New York World points out that money is more plentiful in the United States than anywhere else in the world, and therefore cheaper, relatively, than the commodities for which many nations chiefly engaged in war are making high bids. The World says: 'We have too much money at the moment because the nations with which we are trading or would like to trade are at war, and therefore, with their productive energies restricted, are not able to furnish us with the goods we need in exchange for the supplies they can obtain only from us. To be prosperous we must buy as well as sell. To sustain our enormous exports we must welcome enormous imports. If we are to rebuild and replenish the earth after the most devastating of wars, we must accept almost anything in preference to gold in the final settlement.'

The present situation presents a remarkable lesson in political economy. We are being taught that the world will be really 'cheaper' than many other things, when certain countries will need wheat and other commodities more than they will want gold.

A Farewell Luncheon.

Halifax, Dec. 26th. The Nova Scotia Recruiting Committee of which Mr. G. S. Campbell is Chairman and Mr. C. K. Burchell, M. C., is Secretary, tendered a farewell luncheon to Major Ritchie at the Halifax Club on the 22nd inst. Major Ritchie, who has been Chief Recruiting Officer, first for No. 6 Military District and later for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, has resigned his position and is returning to Vancouver. In recognition of his valuable and efficient services as well as of his sacrifice and loyalty, the Committee felt that this method might express to Major Ritchie their appreciation of him. Major Ritchie, who won a high place for himself in the legal profession of Nova Scotia before going west, has usurped the same position in British Columbia and his friends wish him the largest success as he returns to his work. Major Ritchie will be identified with the voluntary Recruiting Movement in British Columbia.

The National Service plans for the New Year should bring to every man an appreciation of the situation in Canada. Those who are fit and of military age who have not tried to do their part in the great struggle, should understand from the facts which are being put forth by the Government through this Committee, that the need is imperative. All cards sent out to the men between 16 and 65 should be returned at the earliest opportunity in order to facilitate the work of the Committee.

Authority has been granted for recruiting 266 railway men for No. 1 Section Skilled Railway Employees for the operation of military trains in France. This Section is to be made of Engineers, Firemen, Shopmen, Roundhouse men and Operators. Good ranks will be given to qualified men and an extra rate of \$1.00 per day, working pay has been authorized. The Unit will be mobilized in Guy Street Barracks, Montreal, where a short course of training will be carried out.

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Town of Wolfville.

OFFICE OF TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll of the town of Wolfville upon which the rates will be levied in and for the said town for the year 1917, has been filed in the office of the undersigned, the town clerk, and that the said roll is open to the inspection of the ratepayers of the town. And further take notice that any person, firm, company, association or corporation assessed in such roll, who claims that he or it should not be assessed, or who claims that he or it is over assessed in such roll, may on or before the tenth day of February, give notice in writing to the undersigned, the town clerk, that he or it appeals from such assessment, in whole or in part, and shall in such notice state particularly the grounds of objection to such assessment.

And further take notice that if any person assessed in such roll claims that any person, firm, company, association or corporation has been assessed too low; or has been omitted from or wrongfully inserted in such roll, he may, on or before the tenth day of February, give notice in writing to the undersigned, the town clerk, that he or it appeals in respect to the assessment, or non-assessment of the said person, firm, company, association or corporation, and shall in such notice state particularly the grounds of his objection.

Dated at Wolfville this 22nd day of December, 1916.

W. M. BLACK, Town Clerk.

Mail Contract

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until Noon on Friday, the 27th inst. for the contract for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, six times per week, over the Kentville Rural Mail Route No. 1, under a proposed contract for four years, dating from the 1st April next. Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen and blank forms for tenders may be obtained at the Post Offices of Kentville and route offices, and at the office of the Post Office Inspector.

W. MACLELLAN, Post Office Inspector, Post Office Inspector's Office, Halifax, 11th December, 1916.

TENDERS.

For the collection of County, Poor, Railway, Dog, and any other Taxes that may be levied upon Kings County during the year 1917, will be received at this office until 12 o'clock, noon, on December 30th, 1916. The proposal must stipulate the names of two responsible parties and their post office addresses, who are willing to become bondsmen for the payment of said Taxes collected in event of the tender being accepted. The Collector must be a resident of the Ward in which he proposes to collect the Taxes by order.

C. L. DODGE, Municipal Clerk and Treas.

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